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SUBJECT: PRC MEETING ON NORTH AFRICA

1. FOLLOWING IS DAVE NEWSOM'S REPORT OF THE PRC MEETING
OF JUNE 13 WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE PASSED TO THE
SECRETARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

PRC MEETING ON NORTH AFRICA ON JUNE 13 REACHED FOLLOWING
CONCLUSIONS WHICH ARE NOW BEING PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT.

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(A) MOROCCO IS IN TECHNICAL VIOLATION OF MILITARY
ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF F-5 AIRCRAFT IN MAURITANIA
AND SAHARA. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS BE REPORTED TO
CONGRESS, BUT WE WISH TO HANDLE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO
MINIMIZE EFFECT ON RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO. THE IDEA
DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM ORALLY
WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, SAYING THAT NEWSOM WOULD BE
VISITING NORTH AFRICA AND THAT WE WOULD REPORT AGAIN WHEN

WE COULD PUT THIS IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS DISCUSSIONS THERE.

(B) WE WILL SEEK REQUEST FROM MOROCCO, ENDORSED BY MAURITANIA, FOR CONTINUED STATIONING OF MOROCCAN F-5'S IN MAURITANIA AND WILL AGREE TO SUCH A REQUEST.

(C) WE WILL ASK MOROCCO TO WITHDRAW F-5 AIRCRAFT FROM THE SAHARA "AS SOON AS FEASIBLE" AND WILL INFORM THEM THAT WE WILL NOT DELIVER NEW ITEMS REQUESTED (EITHER OV-10 AIRCRAFT OR COBRA HELICOPTERS) UNTIL F-5'S WITHDRAWN. (THIS PROVIDES PERIOD OF POSSIBLY UP TO TWO YEARS FOR COMPLIANCE. COMPLIANCE.)

(D) U.S. WILL NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN DIRECT MEDIATION OF SAHARA DISPUTE BUT WILL ENCOURAGE BOTH SIDES TO REACH SOLUTION. PARTICULARLY, WE WOULD URGE THE MOROCCANS TO CONSIDER AGAIN HOW THEY MIGHT SATISFY THE NEED FOR AN ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. IN MEANTIME, WE WILL NOT RECOGNIZE MOROCCAN SOVEREIGNTY.

(E) WE WILL RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT INVITING KING HASSAN ON OFFICIAL VISIT THIS FALL AND BOUMEDIENE NEXT SPRING, PUTTING THIS RECOMMENDATION INTO THE CONTEXT OF OTHER VISITS WE CAN FORESEE.

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